

## THE WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Before leaving for New York last week to witness the Naval review, Secretary of War Lamont received a call from Hon. W. B. Wortham, Treasurer of the State of Texas, who invited the Secretary to witness the annual assembling of the militia of the Lone Star State.

It seems that a first-class office in the Post-office Department has been going a-begging since the 4th of March, notwithstanding the fact that Washington has literally been overrun with hungry office-seekers since that time. Last week Postmaster General Bissell sent out scouts to hunt up a first-class stenographer to net in the capacity of Private Secretary to himself. The salary attaching to the position is \$1,800 a year, but men capable of performing the work seem to be scarce. Mr. Minnick, who was Gen. Wanamaker's Secretary, resigned his position to accept a more profitable engagement in Gen. Wanamaker's big Philadelphia store, and since that time Postmaster-General Bissell has been struggling along with the help of a detailed clerk from the Department. The place will shortly be filled, however, as such positions generally don't remain long idle.

the departure from this country of one of the best known and most efficient members of the Legation staff, Mr. The National Capital, Mr. Herbert, was promoted to the position of the Legation. Mr. Herbert was promoted to his present position, from that of Second Secretary in May, 1892, after the departure from the Legation of Mr. Francis Parks, who was promoted and transferred to Mr. Herbert's position. Mr. Herbert was chosen First Secretary of the British Embassy at that Capital. Mr. Herbert was chosen First Secretary over a number of other eligibles, under a belief that it was unequal with American affairs would make him a more efficient member of the Legation. It is the universal testimony of those who have come in contact with Mr. Herbert during his incumbency of the position, that his services have fully vindicated the judgment of those who have placed him in the position. It is true, however, Mr. Herbert is so far from the head of the list of British First Secretaries of Legation as practically to preclude the possibility of his promotion to the First Secretaryship of Legation, and he will therefore be transferred to some other post.

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**WE BLOW TOO MUCH.**

Mr. Edmund Shaler, an English naval architect, who has been visiting the United States Navy, and who has just returned to England, having come here from the naval rendezvous at Hampton Roads. To a reporter Mr. Shaler made the following remarks: "You American people blow awfully about your ships. Your papers are full of articles about the speed of ships which can least the record of the New York and Columbia, which is, I believe, about 20 knots an hour. Well, we do not advertise our navy, but I can tell you this, that lying under speeds in the English fleet will make 30 knots an hour, and of which the general public and foreign naval officers have never heard."

"Many of the vessels afloat to-day have speeds of 24 and 25 knots an hour. The Blue Bird, for instance, is a ship of 1,000 tons, and she is known to be able to run only 19 knots an hour. But wait. When England becomes involved in war many Nations will be surprised at the advances made in naval warfare of

For some reason "X" did not reply, and the friendship was broken. On his way to the mountains "Bob" stopped over at "X's" station. In the telegraph room he found a pretty blue-eyed girl about 20. Then he learned all.

As Mr. Gladstone returned from the lobby Liberals and Nationalists rose, cheered and waved their hats.

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